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City Council Preview: Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Proclamations and Honors: 5 p.m.

Mayor Susan Narvaiz and the City Council will honor the San Marcos Daily Record staff for their recent awards for excellence from the Texas Press Association.

Workshop: 6 p.m.

Coding Downtown Communications Plan

City staff will present a communications plan on the proposed code for Historic Downtown San Marcos. The community outreach effort will seek continued citizen input and fine tuning of the code aimed at historic preservation and downtown revitalization. At its last meeting August 3, the City Council narrowed the scope of the development rules to the downtown study area only. The proposed code is a tool to achieve a mix of compatible uses in a walkable, compact area by combining zoning, subdivision rules and urban design into one document for redevelopment.

Final Reading on Transportation Master Plan

The City Council will consider amendments to the Transportation Master Plan on second and final reading. The amendments remove a section of Loop 110 from I35 and the western edge of the city (including west McCarty Lane), adopt a context sensitive solutions road design manual, and add an extension of Leah Avenue from Clovis Barker to McCarty Lane to the plan. The Transportation Master Plan is part of the San Marcos Horizons City Master Plan.

Public Hearings: 8 p.m.

The City Council will hold public hearings at 8 p.m. on the following items:

- Land use map amendment from Industrial to Medium Density Residential for 5.85 acres at Briar Meadow Road and Missouri Pacific Railroad; rezoning the tract from Light Industrial to MF-12 Multi-Family and consider adoption.
- Land use amendment from Commercial to Medium Density Residential for 9.9 acres near the 1900 block of North I-35 and Mill Street; rezoning the tract from General Commercial to MF-12 Multi-Family, and consider adoption.

Updating the Building Code

The City Council will consider adoption of the 2009 edition of International Building codes with local amendments. The proposal incorporates national and international codes, including the 2009 International Energy Code which supports design and construction standards for energy efficiency.

The agendas for City Council meeting are posted a minimum of 72 hours before the meeting online at sanmarcostx.gov/cityhall/cityclerk/CouncilAgenda.html. Regular City Council meetings are broadcast live on Time Warner Channel 10 and Grande Channel 16 and video streamed live on the City's website at sanmarcostx.gov.

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